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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD****SUBJECT: Legislative Briefings Regarding the NCS**

1. In connection with implementation of NSAM 252, which directs establishment of a National Communications System, it has been learned that a joint effort is being made by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Office of the President's Scientific Advisor to brief selected members of the House and Senate on the objectives and needs for an NCS. This effort is being conducted by Mr. Solis Horwitz, who has just been named as Assistant Secretary of Defense for NCS and Dr. Jerome Wiesner who has been designated as interim Advisor to the President on Telecommunications.

2. On or about 6/8 August 1963, Mr. Solis Horwitz provided NCS briefings for Representatives Vinson, Arends, Mahon, and Ford. During this same period, briefings were provided for Senators Russell, Jackson and "Saltonstall's Office." (Senator Saltonstall was not available and a preliminary briefing was given to members of his staff. With this briefing was a request for an opportunity to brief the Senator directly.)

3. On 8 August 1963, Dr. Jerome Wiesner and [redacted] briefed Senators Pastore and Douglas. Not available, but on the list for briefings, are Senators Magnuson and McClellan. On the same day the Wiesner [redacted] team briefed Representatives Harris and McCormack, Brooks, Thomas and Rooney. Representative Cannon is scheduled for a briefing in the near future.

4. According to [redacted], the Wiesner [redacted] briefings outlined broad goals and objectives of an NCS and explained why this action was considered necessary. CIA was identified as participating in the development of the NCS. [redacted] reports that the congressmen were all favorably inclined toward the development; several asked if measures had been taken to prevent the military from running away with the system; and most saw the NCS as a means of elimination of unnecessary duplication of effort on a technical field.

5. Further information regarding these briefings will be made available as it is received.

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